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WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA

SUMMARY:. IN SPEECH AT OPENING OF SWAZILAND TRADE FAIR
SEPT 4, ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER B. J. MWAANGA DISCUSSED
CHANVING POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE PRAISED
REVISED PORTUGUESE ATTITUDE AND REFERRED TO ZAMBIA'S ROLE IN
FACILITATING TALKS BETWEEN LIBERATION LEADERS AND PORTUVUESE.
MWAANGA SAID NEW SITUATION RESULTED IN OPPORTUNITY FOR
PEACEFUL CHANGE-OVER TO MAJORITY RULE IN OTHER WHITE-RULED
AREAS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AS WELL, AND HE INVITED SMITH
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AND VORSTER TO TALK TO "AUTHENTIC" AFRICAN LEADERS.

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PEACEFUL CHANGE SOUTHERN AFRICA. END SUMMARY

1. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER B. J. MWAANGA WAS GUEST OF
HONOR AT OFFICIAL OPENING OF SWAZILAND TRADE FAIR IN
MANZINI, SEPT 4, 1974. FOLLOWING REMARKS ON THE IMPORTANCE
OF INCREASING INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE, MWAANGA REFERRED TO
CHANGING POLITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, SAYING
"ZAMBIA'S FREEDOM IS IN JEOPARDY WHILE COLONIALISM AND
RACISM REMAIN DOMINANT ON OUR BORDERS." MWAANGA SAID
ZAMBIA DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM
NECESSARILY INVOLVED BLOODSHED AND VIOLENCE. GOZ WELCOMED

PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE MAJORITY AND APPLAUDED
POLICY OF NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WHICH AIMS AT GRANTING
INDEPENDENCE TO ITS OVERSEAS TERRITORIES. MWAANGA REFERRED
TO ZAMIBA'S ROLE IN FACILITATING FRELIMO/PORTUGJA TALYS
IN LUSAKA.

2. MWAANGA SAID SOUTH AFRICA ANB RHODESIA HAVE "A LOT TO
LEARN FROM PORTUGUESE EXPERIENCE AND THAT THEY HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THEIR OWN
COUNTRIES BY ENGAGING IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND MEANINGFUL
DIALOGUE WITH BLACK MAJORITY WITH VIEW TO SHARING AND
TRANSFERRING POWER WHERE IT OUGHT TO BE". MWAANGA INVITED
SMITH AND VORSTER TO TALK TO AUTHENTIC AFRICAN LEADERS AND
SAID ZAMBIA WOULD DO "ALL IN OUR POWER" TO AID PROCESS
OF PEACEFUL CHANGE AS ZAMBIA HAS DONE IN THE CASE OF
ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE. HE ADDED THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR
THE MINORITY TO FEAR SINCE THEY WILL BE ENTITLED TO AND
RECEIVE THE SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF THE MAJORITY.
ZAMBIA, HE SAID, REJECTS THE POLICY OF OPPRESSION AND RACIAL
SUPERIORITY, BE IT BLACK AGAINST WHITE OR WHITE AGAINST
BLACK.
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